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## **QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WBFF-TV,  
Baltimore, Maryland, along with the most significant  
programming treatment for the period of

October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority  
nor significance. The list is by no means exhaustive.

## **ISSUE: CRIME/CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Program: America's Most Wanted  
Broadcast: Saturdays 9PM  
Source: Network  
Length: 60 minutes  
Description: A weekly program featuring profiles on fugitives and unsolved crimes in which viewers' help is solicited to bring criminals to justice. The program also features missing children alerts to help identify them and reunite them with their families

Program: Maryland's Most Wanted  
Broadcast: Saturdays/10:20PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 1:30  
Description: The News at Ten in cooperation with Maryland State Police, area sheriffs' offices, and the local office of the FBI presents a local "most wanted" feature following the Saturday broadcast of "America's Most Wanted". During the news feature, information about unsolved Maryland crimes and wanted fugitives is presented and viewers help is requested to bring criminals to justice.

### **News at Ten Cover Stories**

Broadcast Date: December 27/10:22Pm  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Keith Daniels reports on a young Baltimore man who has made it his mission to have Baltimore's homicide rate deemed an epidemic so the Baltimore can get more funding to fight crime and protect lives.

Broadcast Date: December 14/10:22PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Reporter Joy Lepola examines the pardons made by the Governor and his reasons for those pardons.

Broadcast Date: December 19/3:50  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Disabled cops....officers shot and injured in the line of duty say they're being left behind by the same people who swore to protect them. Jeff Abell investigates.

Broadcast Date: November 30/10:13PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local

Description: Investigative reporter Joy Lepola goes knocks on doors of homes of registered sex offenders to learn if they really live when the registry (designed to protect children and families) says them live.

Broadcast Date: December 1/10:19PM

Length: 3:45

Source: Local

Description: One man on death row is preparing for execution that could happen within the week. Joy Lepola examines the death penalty and if it is applied fairly.

Broadcast Date: December 5/10:19PM

Length: 6:00

Source: Local

Description: Team coverage of the execution of a death row inmate for the murder of a 49 year old grandmother who was slain in front of her two young grandchildren.

Broadcast Date: November 14/10:23PM

Length: 3:50

Source: Local

Description: Nationwide...crime is down. Jennifer Gilbert examines the trends in Baltimore and just how safe city residents feel in their city.

Broadcast Date: December 16/10:22PM

Length: 4:00

Source: Local

Description: Investigative reporter Joy Lepola examined Maryland's lighter consequences for drunken driving violations. If sentences were tighten and tougher, would the number of death and injuries go down?

Broadcast Date: November 21/10:18PM

Length: 4:00

Source: Local

Description: A look at how often Baltimore police arrest people and then release them without charges. Is it a crime fighting plan or simply illegal?

Broadcast Date: October 14/10:18PM

Length: 9:00

Source: Local

Description: Friday Focus explores sex offenders sentences and what it means for the protection of Maryland's children. State Senator Jim Brochin offers insight.

Broadcast Date: October 28/10:18PM

Length: 9:00

Source: Local

Description: Big Brother is watching...a look at the use of street cameras in high crime areas on Baltimore to fight crime. Former police commissioner Ed Norris and Lillery Coney of EPIC address the issue.

## **ISSUE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date: October 7/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Movie theatres have a new audience...local church congregations ...a church without a home. Why the need to meet in theatres? What link to the local community? Impact? New churches for new spiritual needs. Stan Heist reports.

Broadcast Date: November 3/10:19PM  
Length: 3:45  
Source: Local  
Description: Roundabouts are popping up throughout Maryland to help keep traffic moving and people safe. A look at the roundabout in Essex. Does it make sense?

Broadcast Date: November 4/10:17PM  
Length: 8:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus debating "English Only". With the growth of Spanish-speaking communities throughout the state, the debate is inflamed as to whether or not English should be made into the national language. Mauro Mujica, Chairman of US English, Inc and Delegate Shirley Nathan Pulliam of Baltimore County explore the controversy.

Broadcast Date: November 28/10:23PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: A new video game, "The Suffering", shows a shady side of Baltimore but does it truly represent Baltimore. How could it affect the city's image? Jeff Abell reports.

Broadcast Date: December 2/10:33PM  
Length: 8:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus explores the branding of Baltimore. An ad agency has just landed a ½ million dollar contract to develop a new marketing/banding slogan for the City. How does Baltimore's' image impact the city's economy, self image and arts and cultural community. Debates include Gary Vikan, Director of the Walters Art

Museum, and Dennis Castleman, of the Department of Business and Economic Development.

Broadcast Date: December 16/10:17PM  
Length: 7:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Delegate Pat McDonough and Ricardo Flores of the Public Justice Center debate the controversy over illegal immigrants having the right to have a legal Maryland Drivers license.

## **ISSUE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Program: Straight Talk  
Broadcast: November 6/11:30PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 30 minutes  
Description: Addressing the needs of youth through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, former and current major league athletes work with students in schools and recreation centers to find alternatives to drugs and alcohol to deal with pressures of play and problems of adolescence and young adulthoods. Steve Fitzhugh, former Denver Bronco, and Executive Director of the Maryland-Delaware Chapter, Rick Coniff discuss the organization, its goals, and outreach with program host, Mike Gimbel.

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date: December 28/10:21PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Over-the-counter cold medicines are used in the manufacture of illegal drugs. Reproter Rebekah Cates investigates local drug stores and how they are safeguarding cold medicine from abuse by minors.

Broadcast Date: November 7/10:16PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Kids in suburban neighborhoods in Maryland are turning to "meth" as their drug of choice. Reporter Joy Lepola investigates.

## **ISSUE: YOUTH**

Program: Straight Talk  
Broadcast: December 4/11:30PM  
Source: Local

Length: 30 minutes

Description: Dr. Jack Vaeth of Sheppard Pratt Hospital discussed the mental health of adolescence. How can parents tell what is acting out or a real problem to be addressed. What do certain issues surface at this age? ADHD...behavior problems that indicated mental health needs? Is prescription drugs a solution?

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: October 24/10:23PM

Length: 4:20

Source: Local

Description: the winds of change are being felt at the Hickey School for Juvenile offenders. The Governor has ordered the campus closed and offenders relocated to schools out of state or incarcerated at adult locations. Many say the changes are not to the benefits of youth. Joy Lepola reports.

Broadcast Date: November 4/10:22PM

Length: 3:45

Source: Local

Description: Thousands of Maryland children are in foster care and hoping for a family to call their own. A new portrait gallery showcasing children waiting to be adopted has opened and families are invited to come meet the children and open their homes to children. This report also served as part of the station's "Finding Forever Families" public service campaign promoting adoption.

Broadcast Date: November 10/10:24PM

Length: 3:55

Source: Local

Description: Little girls are entering puberty at much earlier ages. Jennifer Gilbert examines how quickly little girls grow up and what they are exposed to at early ages.....much of which surprises parents!

Broadcast Date: December 9/10:17PM

Length: 8:30

Source: Local

Description: Friday Focus examined the changes pending within the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services and if those changes are for the best for Maryland youth. Guest include Delegate Bobby Zirkin of Baltimore County and Steven Moyer of the Department of Juvenile Services

**ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT**

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: November 2/10:27PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Despite extensive restoration efforts, the waters of the Chesapeake Bay remain some of the dirtiest in the world. A look at the efforts of an Anne Arundel County man to plant oyster beds to restore the bay.

Broadcast Date: December 13/10:18PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: A look at hybrid cars and their acceptance with the rising cost of gasoline.

Broadcast Date: December 15/10:18PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Alternative energy sources. Reporter Jenna Malone looks at solar energy as an effective alternative to high energy costs and environmental conservation.

## **ISSUE: HEALTH**

Program: Straight Talk  
Broadcast: September 4/11:30PM  
Source: Local  
Length: 30 minutes  
Description: Host Mike Gimble discussed eating disorders, diagnosis and treatment with Dr. Harry Brandt, Medical Director of the Eating Disorders Program at Sheppard Pratt Hospital.

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date: December 7/10:17PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Reporter Kathleen Cairns tracks the fight that 13 year old Eric Lerch has waged with 3 bouts of cancer. With help of local heroes, he's fighting to win!

Broadcast Date: December 29/10:23PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: A look at the alternative medicine practioners and those who use them hands to provide a healing touch by transferring energy from within to heal humans and animals.

Broadcast Date: November 15/10:19PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Mold can be deadly and mold-sniffing dogs are helping to expose the problem by sniffing it out so homeowners can take action to deal with the problem of mold before family members become sick.

Broadcast Date: November 17/10:22PM  
Length: 3:45  
Source: Local  
Description: Jeff Abell reports on the desperation of those needing organ donations and their quest to find donors through the internet. Use of the internet could have potential deadly outcomes for those in need.

Broadcast Date: November 22/10:18PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: Reporter Karen Parks examines the safety of MRIs where rooms are not prepared before they are turned on. Magnets can attract heavy and dangerous objects that can injure patients.

Broadcast Date: November 8/10:18PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: Thread Surgery reporter Jeff Abell examined cosmetic surgery of face lifts without invasive surgery by use of a tiny piece of thread to pull the face up and give a younger looking appearance.

Broadcast Date: November 9/10:13PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Avian Flu....it could be an epidemic so the focus is on researchers in Baltimore who are trying to find a cure before the avian flu reaches the US. Kathleen Cairns reports.

Broadcast Date: October 27/10:23PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local  
Description: A Hopkins doctor has used fish in this cancer research and that research helped save the life of a young girl.

Broadcast Date: October 7/10:17PM  
Length: 8:00

Source: Local  
Description: Friday Focus on medical marijuana. Should those that use it for medicinal purposes be allowed to continue to use an illegal drug. Debating the issue were Michael Preston of the Maryland State Medical Society and Krissy Oechslein of the Marijuana Police Project.

## **ISSUE: EDUCATION**

### **News at Ten Cover Stories:**

Broadcast Date: October 3/10:19PM  
Length: 3:50  
Source: Local  
Description: A visit at the Crossroad School, a Baltimore city middle school that is bucking the trend and reporting success. It a different approach with kids and its working.

Broadcast Date: October 18/10:19PM  
Length: 4:00  
Source: Local  
Description: The Baltimore City School System has plagued with financial programs and has difficulty in getting good teachers to teach and stay teaching in the city. How to face the challenge....importing teachers from other countries. A look at teachers from the Philippines and how they are adjusting to helping Baltimore students make the grade.

Broadcast Date: November 25/10:24PM  
Length: 8:00  
Source: Local  
Description: Debating Darwin and Design in the classroom. What is being taught in the schools and should intelligent design by part of the curriculum. Bill Herold, Cecil County School Board and Rob Boston of American United for Separation of church and State debate the issue.

Broadcast Date: December 6/10:18PM  
Length: 3:40  
Source: Local  
Description: A look at how one local teacher is using music to teach his student some elementary skills.

Broadcast Date: December 20/10:21PM  
Length: 3:30  
Source: Local

Description: Gone is the grammar.....Investigative reporter Joy Lepola examines a new way of teaching that allows students to write without worrying about proper grammar and it has parents and education experts asking questions

Broadcast Date: December 21/10:19PM

Length: 4:10

Source: Local

Description: ROTC....Even though the Iraq War has faced sharp criticism, many young people are still answering the call through ROTC in college and Jr ROTC in high school. Kathleen Cairns reports.

## **CONSUMER PROTECTION/ECONOMY:**

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date: December 8/10:24PM

Length: 3:30

Source: Local

Description: Soaring gas prices have traditional service station changing their offering to include fast foods and coffee to help consumers save on gas.

Broadcast Date: November 23/10:17PM

Length: 3:50

Source: Local

Description: A look at how one can stay to their budget during the holiday season and get more for their money

Broadcast Date: November 11/10:17PM

Length: 8:00

Source: Local

Description: Friday Focus on how the gas price trends are affecting the average consumer. Oil companies are making huge profits and motorists are still pinching pennies to pay at the pump. Debating the controversy were Raola Doughier, American Petroleum Institute and Brad Heavner of MARYPRIG.

Broadcast Date: October 31/10:19PM

Length: 3:50

Source: Local

Description: Investigative reporter Joy Lepola examines claims of the city's chief liquor inspector of corruption, political payoffs and favoritism. A look at the historically corrupt watchdog agency.